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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER THORN ANNOUNCES HIS CANDIDACY FOR
UNGA PRESIDENCY

1. ON EVENING OF FEBRUARY 21, PRIME MINISTER GASTON THORN
ANNOUNCED HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE UNGA PRESIDENCY ON RADIO-
TELEVISION-LUXEMBOURG. THORN EXPLAINED THAT HIS E. C.
COLLEAGUES AND OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS HAD URGED HIM TO
RUN. STATING THAT THE E. C. SHOULD REINFORCE ITS PRESENCE
IN THE U. N. BY HAVING THE DEAN OF ITS FOREIGN MINISTERS
AS UNGA PRESIDENT, THORN ADDED THAT THE PRESIDENCY WOULD
ALSO BE AN HONOR FOR LUXEMBOURG. THORN EXPRESSED
CONFIDENCE THAT HE WOULD BE NOMINATED BY THE WEO GROUP,
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AND HOPE THAT THE UNGA WOULD ELECT HIM ON SEPTEMBER 21.

2. IF HE IS ELECTED UNGA PRESIDENT, THORN SAID THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGES IN THE POLICIES OR COMPOSITION OF THE GOL. DESCRIBING THE DEMOCRATIC/SOCIALIST COALITION AS A "UNITED TEAM", THORN SAID THAT SOCIALIST FINANCE MINISTER AND GOL VICE PRESIDENT RAYMOND VOUEL WOULD BE ACTING PRIME MINISTER IN HIS ABSENCE, BUT THAT HE WOULD KEEP IN DAILY TOUCH WITH LUXEMBOURG FROM NEW YORK. THORN SPECIFICALLY DENIED THAT HE WAS CONTEMPLATING THE NOMINATION OF A STATE SECRETARY IN THE MFA, WHO WOULD STAND IN WHEN THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS ABSENT. TARNOFF

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